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God interrupts our Death. Years ago a German pastor, known for his faith, was sneered at by a speaker at a giant rally of the Nazis in Berlin. "Pastor Schutez", said the speaker, "you are a fool. Fancy believing in a crucified dead Jew!" The courageous pastor jumped to his feet. In resounding tones he said, "Yes sir, I should indeed be a fool if I believed in a crucified dead Jew. But, sir, I believe in the living, risen Son of God." There is a world of difference between a crucified dead Jew and a living risen Son of God. The difference can be summed up in our focus verse 30... This verse has everything to do with not only Jesus but with you. Every person under the

I. The Great Reality of This Statement - Paul is preaching at Antioch in Pisidia to a mixed company of Jews & gentiles. In this verse we hear him set forth the two great realities that characterize his preaching.

A. The Reality of His Execution on the Tree. - "from the dead" is the result of what we read in vs 27-29. In brief summary, Paul gives us the account of Jesus of Nazareth's crucifixion.

Through the account of scripture and other historical texts testify to the death of Jesus Christ by crucifixion. For the cause of his words which stirred many to hate & to hope, was Jesus condemned to

After his arrest at Gethsemane, his mock trial before the Sanhedrin, his scourging at Gabbatha, the beaten and broken body of Jesus was nailed to a tree on Golgotha as here. In the end, the spear thrust into his side producing a flow of blood + water.

B. The Reality of His Exit from the Tomb -

Joseph of Arimathea was given the body of Jesus for burial. As the body was prepared and taken to the tomb, it was accompanied by the women disciples which stood by at the crucifixion. They knew exactly where the tomb was located. A Roman detachment was posted at the tomb to protect the Roman seal fixed to the enormous stone which blocked the entrance. All was done to prevent tampering w/ the body of Jesus. And yet what do we find on the third day, a rolled away stone, an incapacitated Roman detachment, an empty shell of grave windings, shocked disciples, a Sanhedrin applying a cover up, the

II. The Glorious Reason for this Statement -

Why? Many a world religion has sustained the test of time with its leader entombed in a shrine. Why a resurrection from the dead. Paul gives reason

A. For the Reason of Promise - Paul refers to the promises by God through the prophet of a coming Messiah. These promises came as early as the dawn of creation. ⁽⁴⁾ Gen 3:15 The promise of God that one would come who would overcome the work

1) under the sound of my voice can know that their certain eternal death can be interrupted by laying hold of the three bible truths found in this text.

2) ...a flow of blood and water was proof positive that the execution of the Lord Jesus was successful. He was dead.

3) ...a cover up, the visual sightings by, Mary Magdalene, Peter, the ^{two} ~~two~~ on the Emmaus Road, the apostles w/o Tomas, the apostles with Thomas, a multitude of 500 on a Galilean mountain, James, ~~Paul, Stephen, and John~~. We had the Apostles who were once hiding in an upper room, now preaching in the street a bodily resurrected Saviour. A message that could have easily been disproven had a body been produced. Yet no body to be found. He is not here! He is risen!

4) Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

1) ...Messiah would be ...wounded for our transgressions,
...bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was
upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep
have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

2) ...with an eternal pre-existence. And here the quotation of
Psalm 2:7, the promise of God ...the Word was made flesh, to
dwelt among us, ...the glory as of the only begotten of the
Father... full of grace and truth.

3) ...and have the power to fulfill it!

Salon and sin and destroy its power, but that victor would be bruised temporarily in that conflict. In Deut 18:15 it is promised that the Messiah would be compared to Moses. Jesus has brought deliverance. Christ was the fulfillment of

the promise from Isaiah that Messiah would be the fulfillment of Jeremiah's promise of a Righteous End King. of the Promise of Micah one born in Bethlehem.

B. For the Reason of Proof - This statement is not only the fulfillment of a promise it is the proof of the promise. Paul's argument is sustained by the writings of the Prophet David. David thru the eye of prophecy gave us clear view of the crucifixion in Ps 22. Here Paul gives us Ps 16:10. (vs 35) The question is who was

David referring to. Himself? No vs 36. David is in the grave, body corrupted he spoke of the Messiah. vs 37, Jesus saw no corruption. This is the fulfillment of Jesus own words to disciples that he would rise from the dead. No man other than our all powerful all knowing God could make such an audacious claim and have the power to

III. The Gospel Results of this Statement

W. Wiersbe "The resurrection is an essential part of the gospel message!" There would be no good news to tell, had the body of Jesus remained in the tomb.

A. A Resulting Way of Forgiveness - Notice how Paul starts out our reading in vs 26 - This is a word of salvation of deliverance. vs 32 - This is a word of truth. Is God going to work? Why?

Vs 38! Through this man Jesus sins are forgiven. A pardon is granted for the transgressions of the Law. Vs 39 not only forgiven but Justified. This is a judicial ruling which indicates that one is cleared of all charges!

The law could not do this. Rom 3:19 states You see Dr. Law can only point out the problem he can't prescribe a cure! But Dr. Grace says there's a cure. Through the death burial & resurrection of the Lord Jesus the cure is ^⑤made available. Rom 8:3 Now our response is to lay ^③hold of that cure through

B. A Resulting Warning of Forgoing - The gospel is a two edged sword. The word gospel or good news indicate that there must be bad news. Paul on the heels of this good news says "Beware!" You see even in the sweetest of Gospel verses John 3:16 is the word Perish. You see the gospel is not simply an invitation it is an ultimatum. It is a demand for your complete and utter surrender! Paul is quoting the old test Prophet Habakkuk. A miracle work has been done in their day and they would not believe. This is that same day of Grace. The truth of the resurrection miracle is ^⑤set before you and will

IV. Closing - Paul preached this message to a divided audience of Jews and Gentiles. When they left they were divided, saved and lost. Yield to the gospel call and rejecting the gospel call how all you leave. God interrupted Jesus death that He ^{might} ^{inter-} ^{mine.}

- 1) Romans 3:19-20 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
 - 2) Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
 - 3) ...through repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. I know what many of you may be thinking. I did that. Well salvation is not an I did that, it's an I do that. Vs. 28 that word believe comes from two words smashed together. To by live. To live by! Friend if you believe the you'll by live. John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me... John 14:24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings... To believe that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead is to surrender all to Him! Not stand over your live and say you bought it, but it's mine!
 - 4) ...and will you refuse. If so you need to understand that this resurrected Lord that is a comfort and joy to the believer will be the judge and executioner of the unbeliever: Acts 17:30-31 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.
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